

House File 406 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act to require that certain postsecondary institutions
2 provide employment and salary data to students declaring
3 a major or enrolling in a course of study that leads to a
4 credential or degree.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 260C.14, Code 2017, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 25. Adopt a policy to provide to each
4 student who enrolls in a course of study in a program or field
5 that leads to a certificate, competency-based credential,
6 postsecondary diploma, or associate degree, the most current
7 employment and salary data available for the arts and sciences
8 or career and technical program or field of study in which
9 the student is enrolled. The data provided to the student
10 shall include data compiled from graduate surveys administered
11 by the community college and relevant data published by the
12 department of workforce development, by the United States
13 department of labor, bureau of labor statistics, or by a
14 nationally recognized association of colleges and employers,
15 as applicable.

16 Sec. 2. Section 261.9, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph
17 1, Code 2017, is amended to read as follows:

18 "*Accredited private institution*" means an institution of
19 higher learning located in Iowa which is operated privately
20 and not controlled or administered by any state agency or
21 any subdivision of the state and which meets the criteria in
22 paragraphs "a" and "b" and all of the criteria in paragraphs "d"
23 through "*i*" "*j*", except that institutions defined in paragraph
24 "c" of this subsection are exempt from the requirements of
25 paragraphs "a" and "b":

26 Sec. 3. Section 261.9, subsection 1, Code 2017, is amended
27 by adding the following new paragraph:

28 NEW PARAGRAPH. *j.* Adopts a policy to provide to each
29 enrolled student, who declares a major area of study in a
30 program or field offered by the institution, the most current
31 employment and salary data available for the student's field
32 of study. The data provided to the student shall include data
33 compiled from graduate surveys administered by the institution
34 and relevant data published by the department of workforce
35 development, by the United States department of labor, bureau

1 of labor statistics, or by a nationally recognized association
2 of colleges and employers, as applicable.

3 Sec. 4. Section 262.9, Code 2017, is amended by adding the
4 following new subsection:

5 NEW SUBSECTION. 39. Develop a policy requiring each
6 institution of higher learning governed by the board to provide
7 to each enrolled student, who declares a major area of study in
8 a program or field offered by the institution, the most current
9 employment and salary data available for the student's field
10 of study. The data provided to the student shall include data
11 compiled from graduate surveys administered by the institution
12 and relevant data published by the department of workforce
13 development, by the United States department of labor, bureau
14 of labor statistics, or by a nationally recognized association
15 of colleges and employers, as applicable.

16 EXPLANATION

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 This bill directs postsecondary institutions in Iowa,
20 including community colleges, accredited private institutions,
21 and regents universities, to provide certain students with the
22 most current employment and salary data available for the field
23 of study in which the student is majoring or is enrolled. The
24 data must be compiled from graduate surveys administered by
25 the respective institution and from relevant data published
26 by the department of workforce development, by the United
27 States department of labor, bureau of labor statistics, or by a
28 nationally recognized association of colleges and employers,
29 as applicable.